**Chestnut TAG Middle School**

**6th Grade English**

School Year: 2019-2020

Teacher: Ms. S. Brown

**Course Policy:**  First off let me start by saying as a whole you guys are doing a tremendous job with adjusting to your new school environment. I understand that being in a new school setting at first may have been slightly overwhelming, especially with new rules being implemented. Your willingness to be open to making new friendships is also commended. For those of you who previously had me as your Thrive teacher I am beyond Delighted to continue witnessing your growth as the school year continues on,. Please understand that even though this is an entirely different subject my policy still remains the same. As for my newly introduced students Please understand that in my eyes each and everyone of you are seen as One in my eyes. This means that in order to be considered fair the same rules and regulations that I have for one student are the same exact rules and regulations that apply to you. My hopes are that not only will new experiences (such as a new school, new teachers, new friendships etc.) be beneficial in your growth as a student and individual, but that through our journey together you receive the necessary tools needed to aid you in surpassing survival and experience life Thriving.

**Purpose of the Course:** The main purpose of this course is to ensure that you are given the proper tools needed to not only get through middle school, but to surpass any goals you may set for yourself throughout your entire journey of life. To begin you will need to understand that abiding by rules set for you now will only help you to value your integrity as you get older.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Class participation will be evaluated and graded based on five individual areas.

Tests……….50%

Class work…...20%

Homework…….10%

Quizzes………….10%

Final…………….10%

**Student Responsibilities:** Once again to everyone as a whole I really want to reiterate In order to ensure that everyone is treated fairly, collectively I view you all as one. You must understand that with team effort comes team celebration, and with team faults comes team repercussions. Always keep in mind that as a teacher it is not only my duty to provide you with the necessary knowledge to help you through your middle school years, but it is also your Responsibility as a student to take your Education seriously; this requires Team Effort. Please come to class on time and prepared to learn (meaning you will come to class with your writing utensil of choice (NO Red Pens),Your Agenda book or book of choice (to write your homework in), your reading book of choice, and all assignments (including homework) are turned in on/before/their specified Due Date \*No Late Exceptions (unless you have an excused absence),\*No extra credit assignments (Cant be considered Extra credit if the work that was assigned was not done)\* No half sheets/ripped papers, Please do Not doodle or draw on any assignments you are turning in (begin viewing your work as an extension of you,Take Pride, and understand that work via school or career is Always Professional!) With taking your education seriously it is also your Responsibility to obtain any work you may have missed (provided in the “Absent Folder.”) Being a part of a Team also requires that you take the time to view things from not your own perspective but the perspective of your teammates around you as well. Any individual who causes disruption throughout class not only robs themselves of their learning time, but yours as well and vise versa. I hope that moving forward we will all not only learn together but grow together as well. I look forward to building individual relationships with each of you.

**Break Down of Assignments:**

**Vocab Words/Definitions** : Vocab Word-Definition

Original sentence showing your understanding of the word, not the definition of the word in your own words.

**Weekly Reading Tracker:** Most nights you will be expected to read your independent reading book of choice (as long as its grade appropriate), and you will be expected to answer the question on your reading question based on the night that you finished your reading. You are required to Restate each question and answer in no less than three complete sentences. If at any point the book you are reading does not compare to anything you have read or watched before, please summarize what you read for that night and include an explanation.

**Assessments:** Any assessments given whether written or verbal need to be answered in complete sentences and always assume that you will need evidence to support any claims (this will help during MCAS.)

**Office Hours:** Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns throughout the school year. I will do my best to respond within 24 business hours Monday-Friday. My contact information is as follows:

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This syllabus should be thoroughly read through signed and returned by 03/09/2020, by both student and parent (worth 80 points + 20 bonus points if turned in on time.)

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**(Please Print Name)**

Grade English class.

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**Parent Signature Date Student Signature Date**

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